

8. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY BOARD CASES

In order to receive case assignments in Sex Offender Registry Board proceedings at the Trial Court level, attorneys must (1) be eligible for certification for Superior Court or District Court criminal cases or (2) possess other substantial, relevant experience, and (3) complete a training program. In order to receive such assignments at the Appellate Court level, attorneys must be certified for SORB trial level cases, possess appellate experience, and be individually approved by the Deputy Chief Counsel or his/her designee.

Training Requirement:

Applicants for certification must complete the Representation in Sex Offender Registry Proceedings course offered by CPCS. Additional training presentations may be required due to changes in the law. Mentors with civil litigation experience will be made available by CPCS for consultation. Applications to fulfill this training requirement can be obtained from the CPCS Training Unit in Boston (617) 482-6212.

Application Procedure:

The completed application for training should be returned to the CPCS Training Unit, 44 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA phone: 617-482-6212 fax: 617-988-8350. Applications by attorneys who are not certified for Superior or District Court criminal assignments, and applications for SORB Appeals cases should be made by letter detailing relevant experience to the CPCS SORB Assignment Coordinator.

Assignment of Cases:

Cases will be assigned by the CPCS Boston office. Notices of Assignment will be sent by FAX, with next day confirmation of acceptance by counsel required. Attorneys without FAX numbers, but who wish to receive these assignments, should telephone the CPCS SORB Assignment Coordinator at 617-482-6212 to make arrangements for notification.

Attorneys are requested to inform CPCS of the number of case assignments desired per quarter. Please inform the SORB Assignment Coordinator at 617-482-6212.

Performance Requirements:

By accepting assignments of these cases attorneys agree to abide by the CPCS Performance Standards for Attorneys Representing Clients in Sex Offender Registry Board matters, which are found in this manual, and are available online at www.mass.gov/cpcs.